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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits attached Form PTO/SB/08B (modified) for consideration and requests the references cited therein be made of record by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") in the above-captioned application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the listed references in this Information Disclosure Statement are not material to patentability of any claims of the application but were cited and discussed in the specification at page 1, line 27 to page 2, line 12 and at page 9, lines 1-4. Therefore, they are being submitted for the sake of completeness. Also, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not an indication that a search has been made by Applicant.

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Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08B with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609 are respectfully requested.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, but prior to the payment of the Issue Fee. Pursuant to the telephonic Examiner interview held on June 20, 2006, for which the Statement of Substance of Interview is enclosed herewith, Applicant submits this Information for consideration by the Examiner. In addition, a check in the amount of \$180.00 as set forth in § 1.17(p) is enclosed. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the amount determined by the USPTO, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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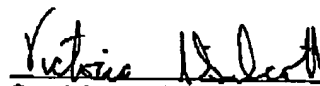
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